CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2016:

President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 19 members present. A minute's silence was held to honour Alan Holverson who had died the day before. Alan was a Past President of the Society and Exchange Packet Secretary for many years.

The President then invited **Graham Booth** to give his display on the **Cayman Islands.**

The Cayman Islands are a British Overseas Territory in the western Caribbean Sea. The territory comprises the three islands of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, located south of Cuba and north-west of Jamaica.

The Islands became part of the Jamaican Post Office in the late 19th century and thus the first stamps were Jamaican. From 1889 the islands were able to produce their own stamps. Graham showed a variety of covers. The first 19th century letters did not carry adhesives and were followed by a selection of letters with Jamaican stamps. There was then a range of postal history carrying Cayman Island stamps. There were examples of censured mail from World War I and postage dues. Examples were shown of parcel post and a variety of airmail letters. The display concluded with artist materials showing the designs on commemorative stamps (see photograph) for issues of orchids in 1971, birds in 1974 and herons in 1988.

The quality of the material on display was excellent and members enjoyed viewing it as well as Graham's dialogue.

President Paul closed the meeting at 21.45 hours with a Vote of Thanks.

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